GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS AT STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has allotted a number of STD/ISD/PCO booths at various railway stations on recovery of on and above one hundred twenty per cent commission from them;

(b) whether it is a fact that in addition to above a land license fee @ 20 per cent of the notified is also recovered;

(c) whether the above action of the Government has allowed the STD/ISD/PCO booth holders to adopt illegal methods for more and more earnings by cheating travelling public for fulfilling the tendering amount in question; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): At a few stations the allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths has been done on the basis of the financial bid quoted by the tenderers on more than 100% of the commission offered to them by BSNL/MTNL etc.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): In the revised policy issued in the year 2004 the maximum commission to be offered in the tender has been restricted to 100%.